

**MINUTES OF THE
SENATE TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY
CONFIRMATION COMMITTEE**

Thursday, March 5, 2009 – 5:10 p.m. – Room 215 Senate Building

Members Present:

Sen. Stephen H. Urquhart, Chair
Sen. Brent H. Goodfellow
Sen. Kevin T. Van Tassell

Staff Present:

Mr. Leif Elder, Policy Analyst
Ms. Joy L. Miller, Legislative Secretary

Members Absent:

Sen. Sheldon L. Killpack
Sen. Peter C. Knudson

Note: A list of others present, a copy of related materials, and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

1. Committee Business

Chair Urquhart called meeting to order at 5:10 p.m. Sen. Killpack and Sen. Knudson were excused from the meeting.

Chair Urquhart reviewed the rules and discussed the purpose of the meeting.

2. Consideration of Reappointment of Ted Boyer as a member of the Public Service Commission

Mr. Ted Boyer discussed the role of the Public Service Commission (PSC) and what it has accomplished in the last few years. He outlined the challenges facing the PSC and what it hopes to accomplish in the future. Mr. Boyer commented that the PSC is staying within budget and morale is high. He said that while there is much more to do, the PSC is doing a good job.

Mr. Ron Allen, PSC Commissioner, stated that the PSC is working well together as a team and takes its tasks seriously. He noted that Mr. Boyer's legal background is very helpful. He expressed his support for Mr. Boyer.

Ms. Kathy Van Dame, Wasatch Clean Air Coalition, said that from her perspective, Mr. Boyer does a very good job. She pointed out that more people are attending PSC hearings and the process is definitely more transparent.

Mr. Boyer responded to questions from the Committee.

MOTION: Sen. Goodfellow moved to recommend that Mr. Boyer be reappointed as a member of the PSC for an additional six years. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Sen. Van Tassell moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Urquhart adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m.